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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr HOUDET, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: The legal implications for the Community of failure to comply with the Charmasson judgment and implications for Community producers of sheepmeat, potatoes, ethylalcohol of agricultural origin and spirits

According to the Charmasson judgment of 10 December 1974 the national market organizations for alcohol, sheepmeat and potatoes ought to have been replaced by common market organizations from 1 January 1978.

Parliament has already delivered its opinion on the proposals for regulations concerning sheepmeat and potatoes. The Council of Ministers has taken no action as yet.

Moreover, at the European Parliament's sitting of 16 January 1978 the Commission representative said that they saw no reason why the debate on the report by Mr LIOGIER (Doc. 472/77) on the amended proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation on the common organization of the market in ethyl

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alcohol of agricultural origin and laying down additional provisions for certain products containing ethyl alcohol (Doc. 504/76) should not be held over to the next part-session.

In this context could the Commission say whether failure to comply with the Charmasson judgment would have any consequences

- (1) for the Community because of the legal implications
- (2) for EEC producers of sheepmeat, potatoes, ethyl alcohol and spirits?